

into the faces of even the decent population, and refuses to be shamed at anything. As to criminals, I have no doubt but that these conditions furnish their full quota. And as for tramps, this state seems to be a sort of Mecca for them, and they form no inconsiderable part of our population. I will not lay their production entirely at the door of the state, for its climatic conditions are such as to make them flock here from every quarter, until they have become the veriest kind of a nuisance.

There is evidently a cause for the unfortunate conditions which I have briefly pointed out. I believe that *money getting* is at the bottom of many of our troubles. Even from the very first settlement this desire seems to have been the dominant one. Every other consideration has been given a secondary place, if indeed any place at all, until this selfish and narrow spirit has caused almost incalculable harm. Whether men have gone to the mines, or to cattle raising, agriculture or horticulture, they have been possessed with an overpowering desire to grow rich as quickly as possible. In their feverish haste to be rich, they forget all about the moral training of their childhood, and thus their offspring grew up under very unfavorable moral conditions. Mentally, their children have not been neglected, but a purely mental man is only half a man at best, for like Ephraim, he is "as a cake unturned." And yet another potent cause of our moral condition is to be found in the nature of our population. I doubt if one-half of our people are Americans by birth. Chinese, Japanese, Portugese, and in fact almost every nationality is more or less plentifully represented. Each has come to our shores bringing with him the evil traits of his countrymen as well as the good and each has had at least something to do toward demoralizing matters.

Let no one conclude from my words herein that one's life is constantly in danger in California. If one tries to do right and attends to his own righteous affairs he is in no danger of being molested anywhere except by the omnipresent tramp, who in mournful or wheedling tones begs you for "a little bite to eat." No, I have never met a people so generous, and so universally polite as I have found in California. Large hearted, kind, and ever ready to help where help is needed. One almost forgets that they are not perfect when he is so kindly treated by them. And let me say again, that among this people one finds as earnest and conscientious Christians as can be found anywhere. The line between them and the non-professors is sharply drawn, but all who live righteous and godly lives in

Christ Jesus are universally respected. Oh, that all might be brought to Christ for cleansing and healing power, and that a deep and uplifting spirituality might be associated with the many and wonderful advantages which this great state affords. Let all God's children remember us at heavens' throne, that grace may be given to his workers so that sin may be overthrown and his righteousness spread over all, as the waves cover the great deep.

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PEN WAVELETS.

J. B. WAMPLER.

Some weeks ago I was invited by J. C. Kennedy, M. D., to come to Pittsburg and witness his baptism. To this special invitation I cheerfully consented, boarded the train at Kittanning and arrived at the First Brethren Church of Pittsburg, No. 50 Dearborn St., just as the opening prayer was closing, but not quite late enough to get leave to hear a good sermon from Elder McGregor. I did, as usual, the best I could and left all with the Lord and the good people who were present. In the evening we were favored with an able sermon from Brother McGregor, subject, "The Opening of the Gates of the New Year." At the close of the sermon Dr. Kennedy delivered a very fine address to the audience as to why they were leaving the Baptist church, numbering millions, and uniting with a church of much smaller membership. The doctor stated positively that he acted from principle, and that trine immersion had been so clearly portrayed to his mind that he could no longer neglect it and be true to his convictions, God and revelation, and that he was entering a church where he could enjoy all the means of grace that the Lord afforded to his followers. After the address the writer invited the doctor and his dear companion to step upon the rostrum where the preparatory services were attended to, after which they were, by elder D. McGregor, baptized into the name of the Father, and into the name of the Son, and into the name of the Holy Spirit. They arose to walk more fully in newness of life.

Dr. Kennedy had been a prominent member of the Baptist church for about forty years and his companion about thirty years. The doctor has been preparing general outline lessons on the blackboard from which he gives general instructions in the Brethren Sabbath-school. The doctor, his wife and only daughter are members. An only son is still without. May the Lord bless him and bring him in, so that they may constitute an unbroken family here in the church militant and finally in the church triumphant in glory.

During the past week Elder McGregor delivered some able and eloquent lectures in the Court House in Kittanning, Pa., and on Saturday evening preached an able and very effective sermon in the Gladerun Brethren church. The S. S. C. E. of Second District of Armstrong county will hold their convention in this same church edifice on the 19th inst., consisting of two sessions, day and evening.

It is the purpose to start a mission in Kittanning in the near future the Lord over-ruling and directing the same.

Boom, boom, BOOM. I mean the BRETHREN EVANGELIST. Let us all boom it as much as we can, and have it enlarged and get more "Bible exegesis" in, and more good practical Bible explanations and teachings from our own brethren.

Inasmuch as the K. C. Society publishes a paper would it not be wisdom to publish all that belongs to that work in the same and give more space in the BRETHREN EVANGELIST for church work direct. May God bless the good work of saving souls, all the societies whose object is to this end, and all the publications and periodicals that are conducive to this same great end. God bless the editors and publishers of all our needed literature in their ardent and perplexing labors. Hurrah for the 3000 and upwards, the liquidating of the college debt and all good missions of our common Christian cause.

Blanco, Pa.

SALVATION.—NO. 6.

The Terms or Conditions of Salvation.—Continued

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In No. 5, we passed through that branch or degree of faith that constitutes the first condition in the plan of salvation. In doing so we note the fact that there is a corresponding similarity in the means, terms, or conditions of salvation agreeing with the covenants of God referred to in a former communication. The first covenant reaching over and embracing a part of the second, the second reaching over into the third and embracing part of it. Or in other words the third covenant runs back and begins under the second, and the second to the first. So believing has its antecedent, knowledge, and its subsequent, faith. Believing being the antecedent of faith, faith also having its subsequent, repentance. Repentance, the antecedent of which is faith, whose subsequent is baptism.

We now note that in order to repentance there must be *true conviction*, which we define as an awakening, the introduction of new spiritual views in the sinner's case, concerning his own sinful state and condition, and an apprehension of God's